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J. G. HARDIN, 307 N. Main Street, Del Rio, Texas, furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

HARDIN is currently employed by the Polk and Company, Dallas, Texas, a city directory firm, and his permanent address 1726 Argentia, Apartment C, Dallas, Texas.

On November 28, 1963, HARDIN read a newspaper account relating to a statement by a radio operator at McAllen, Texas, indicating OSWALD had applied for a position October 4, 1963, at which time he was driving a 1953 Ford. Mention of this Ford recalled to mind of HARDIN that on October 3, 1963, he was en route from Durant, Oklahoma, to Bryan, Texas, driving a 1947 dark blue Pontiac with Arkansas license which he owned. This car broke down at Wortham, Texas, and he sold it to a service station attendant on the left side of the road going South. The attendant lives directly across the street from the service station and garage. This was approximately 10:15 to 10:30 in the morning. He hitchhiked a ride to Richland, Texas, and there caught a ride on Highway 75 toward Dallas, Texas, with an individual whom he believed to be OSWALD. This person was driving a 1953 Ford, light green or blue, and he specifically recalled the hood would not close completely on this car. The owner of this car, whom he believed to be OSWALD, stated that he was tired since he had been on the road for approximately the last three weeks. He indicated that he had an argument with his wife about three weeks prior at Oklahoma City and that he left her and drove to Houston and from Houston to New Orleans, then to Chicago, Illinois, and out to the West Coast and back. He was then on his way from Houston to Dallas and indicated that he planned to sell his car in Dallas and to find a place to stay and work. He claimed to be a painter by occupation and was at that time unemployed. He was alone in the car but his exact manner of dress was not recalled. He made no mention of having been in Mexico. Since this owner of the car indicated he was tired, HARDIN drove the car to Dallas, and stopped at radio and television station WFA TV where HARDIN's sister, MAY MURPHY, worked, in order that he could borrow money to buy another car. That same date, he drove

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to Durant, Oklahoma, and purchased a car. In this regard, he was able to set the exact date as being October 3, 1963. He stated that the time he stopped at the TV station in Dallas the owner of the car waited across the street at a hamburger stand and that when he came out they conversed for a few minutes but he did not recall whether this individual drove him to the bus station or he walked there since neither of them knew exactly where the station was, but it was in the immediate vicinity. HARDIN took a bus to Durant, Oklahoma, where he bought his car. He did not see this individual again.

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